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PRETORIA FOR CRO NAIROBI FOR RCO

FOLLOWING REPEAT KINSHASA 7980 ACTION MBABANE MASERU GABORONE INFO
SECSTATE USUN SEP 22.

QUOTE: C C O N F I D E N T I A L KINSHASA 7980

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: BC, LT, WZ, CG, PFOR

SUBJECT: MOBUTU'S TRAVEL PLANS: REQUEST FOR COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT

1. THE SECRETARY HAS REQUESTED THAT ACTION POSTS MAKE THEIR
COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE
IN ORDER TO FACILITATE PRESIDENT MOBUTU'S IMPENDING TRAVEL
PLANS.

2. PRESIDENT MOBUTU WILL BE VISITING BOTSWANA SEPTEMBER 27-29
AND LESOTHO ON OCTOBER 1. THESE VISITS, AS WE UNDERSTAND IT,
HAVE BEEN LAID ON WITH GOB AND GOL.

3. MOBUTU ALSO HAS INVITATION TO VISIT SWAZILAND DURING
PERIOD SEPT. 27 - OCT 1 BUT NO FIRM PLANS HAVE BEEN SET. MOBUTU
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ASKS US TO QUERY APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES IN MBABANE IF GOS

WOULD BE AMENABLE TO MOBUTU ARRIVAL ON SEPT. 30, OVERNIGHT,
AND DEPARTURE FOR LESOTHO OCT. 1. IF SO, MOBUTU NEEDS ALL DETAILS:
ETA, SUGGESTED PROGRAM, SHOULD ZAIRIANS SEND FLAGS IN ADVANCE,
ETC.

4. IF THERE IS PROBLEM WITH PROPOSED VISIT TO SWAZILAND OCT. 30,
THEN MOBUTU WILL PROCEED FROM BOTSWANA DIRECTLY TO LESOTHO,
WITH ATTENDANT SCHEDULING DETAILS TO BE WORKED OUT.

5. PLEASE INFO ALL REPLIES TO MESSAGES THIS RESPECT TO USUN.

6. USUN PLEASE KEEP FONMIN NGUZA INFORMED. HE MAY WISH TO USE
USUN COMMO FACILITIES. NGUZA ARRIVES NY SEPT. 25.

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